be provided for more in-patients and that food should be supplied to the poor patients from the dispensary, instead of the daily allowance in money.

The Member next said that the practice of quack physicians treating patients should be discouraged. There were so many as 50 quacks in the small town of Colachel. He requested that the Government should take stringent measures to remedy the growing evil.

Lastly, he said that the dense shrubs growing luxuriantly over the A. V. M. Canal were a source of danger to the public health, and he requested that the jungle growth should be cleared, the water of the canal cleansed by means of drains, and a few bathing ghats also constructed.

Dewan's reply.—The representations of the Member, in regard to the Colachel dispensary, will be communicated to the Darbar Physician.

103. The need for a dispensary at Ottasekharamangalam.

The Revd. Samuel Sumanam (Member, T. I. C., Neyyattinkara) thanked the Government for starting a Town Improvement Committee in Neyyatinkara and allowing a Member to represent it at the Assembly. He said that the northern *pakuthies* of Perunkadavila, Kunnathukal, Ottasekharamangalam &c were hilly tracts. Fever annually visited the places, and, once in three years, it assumed an epidemic form. Small-pox and cholera also raged in some years and carried off many lives. The places were 8 and 10 miles away from the main road and the hospital at Parassala, and the dispensary at Neyyattinkara was more than 14 miles away. In times of malarial fever, the Government usually deputed medical officers on special duty, and, through their reports, the Government would have been convinced of the need for a medical institution in the locality. He therefore requested that a dispensary be established at Ottasekaramangalam. It would also benefit the people living in the north-eastern portion of the Nedumangad taluk and the north-western *pakuthies* of the Vilavancode taluk. If the Government entertained any doubts on financial grounds, he suggested that the hospital at Parassala might be reduced to a dispensary and a new dispensary opened at Ottasekaramangalam.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-20 P. M.

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